

Whig Intiquity.

We invite attention to the letter of a Volunteer, which we publish in another column. The writer is his name, if this or any of his own statements are questioned.

That there is a concerted plan among the Whig politicians and editors, to assail Gov. Whitcomb with the grossest falsehoods in relation to the volunteers, and that this plan was concocted and agreed upon while Mr. Marshall was last at Indianapolis, we have every reason to believe. Those men knew, that without some new theme for vituperation and deception, their cause was hopeless. Upon all the old issues, they had been soundly beaten, and were sure to be beaten again. It was for this reason that Orin backed off the track for Lt. Governor, and became a candidate for the Senate in Tippecanoe county, where, by the help of a certain class of Democratic voters, he felt sure of election. From that time up to the period when the leaders determined to try the effect as a last resort, of a series of *Volunteer* *Roundbacks*, they were more and more satisfied that the people would not, without any good reason, upset the faithful and successful administration of Gov. Whitcomb. The cry for a "plan" for the settlement of the State Debt, was too much out of season to produce any effect but that of making more ludicrously apparent the desperate condition of those who made use of it. The "plan" had been adopted, and the debt arranged, before the Whig politicians could fully realize the fact, and before they had time to concoct any specious pretext for opposing it. The *humbug* about the appointment of two new Supreme Judges, was of as little effect as the cry about the "plan." All that the people could desire was the appointment of good and industrious men, who would perform their duties faithfully and efficiently, and not permit causes in the court to linger along year after year, to the great detriment of those interested. These humbuggers assailed the Governor, because in seeking for such men, he chose to look among Democrats instead of Whigs. Would they bawl about "partisan" judges, should a Whig Governor offer the same offices to Whigs? And is there not as much "partisan" among Whigs as Democrats? A boy three years old can answer these questions. Some of the very men who talk most about this matter, never failed when they had opportunity, to vote for Whig Judges in preference to Democrats. Gen. HOWARD was once beaten for the office of Circuit Judge by a Whig Legislature, and in order to do it, they took up a man who lived out of the district, in a distant quarter of the State. These are pretty men to talk about "partisan" judges! The hypocrites! Every sensible man can appreciate their motives.

These, miserable as they are, up to the time of the *Volunteer Roundbacks*, were the only charges which were urged with any show of life against the Governor. The Old Junto and their new recruits were more sensible than to believe that they could defeat his reelection with these alone. They deserve that much credit. Much as they at heart despise the people they knew they were not quite foolish enough, to restore, for such reasons, the *Old Régime* of the Junta, who had once sunk the State to the lowest depths of bankruptcy and degradation. Knowing this, and hankering after the power and patronage of office as only "politicians by trade" can hanker after them, they seized upon the occasion of the call for Volunteers as a last resort to overthrow Whitcomb and reinstate themselves. They entered upon this infamous scheme with a double zest. In the first place, the Whig leaders at heart were opposed to the war. Though it was brought on by what Mr. Webster himself calls the "unreasonable, obstinate and senseless conduct of Mexico," they, nevertheless, with him, make it a cause of assault against the Administration, and by endeavoring to show our own Government to be in the wrong, to pave the way for its overthrow, and the ultimate elevation of themselves at the sacrifice of our national rights and honor. But more than this, they saw at once that it was the only opportunity they would probably have of poisoning the public mind against the Governor. To be sure he had had nothing to do with bringing on the war. He was in no way responsible for that. All he had done was to respond promptly to the call of Congress for our quota of Volunteers. This he did with an eye single to the honor and glory of the country, the credit and character of our own State, and the interest of every citizen, Whig and Democrat, in the prudent and cautious exercise of the delicate powers reposed in him. Had he been as weak-minded and dishonest as many of those who complain of "tardiness" in his execution of these duties, he might have rushed headlong without reflection and without thought. What a fine field was here afforded for the reward of hungry and unprincipled partisans! Twenty or thirty thousand dollars might easily have been filched and swindled from the State in this way; and perhaps it would have taken a much larger amount than that to stop the mouths of those who would in that case, in the absence of a bribe, have assailed his reckless extravagance and unjustifiable expenditure of the public money. But such was not his course. He hadn't that kind of "generosity," as Marshall's friends call it, which makes quick so free of the public purse. He chooses to save, rather than squander because the people's purse is long. Still he was prompt as well as prudent, and without spending a dollar unnecessarily, even the Whigs don't charge him with that,—our Volunteers were in readiness for departure from the Camp as soon as those of Ohio and Kentucky, where they had ten days the advantage of notice. These are notorious facts, and well do the Marshall men know it would be useless to contradict them. They consequently resort to falsehoods more plausible, by charging neglect upon the Governor in making provision for the accommodation of the volunteers in camp, and of unjustifiable interference in the election of regimental officers. These are rung upon in every variety of shape, and accompanied with the foulest and most shameful personal abuse. "Darned Scoundrel," "Darned Rascal," and "Darned Rogue," are among the choice epithets which are printed in full and applied to the Governor by professedly religious and "decent" editors! And this, too, on the poor responsibility of loafers and vagabonds, without charge for common honesty or veracity. That the volunteers, many of them, were subjected to hardships to which they had been unaccustomed, may be true. They had to take soldiers' fare, which is far from "two dollars a day and roast beef" and is not much better than "a hasty plate of soup." Instead of lodging at "first rate hotels," and being waited upon by obsequious servants, they had to go into camp, sleep on straw, cook their own rations, and eat without knife, fork or plate. Was this Gov. Whitcomb's fault? Old soldiers won't say so; they could have told some of the "nice young men" who volunteered for mere sport, what a soldier's life was when they served their country in the field, and what it of necessity always must be. It is a life of exposure, hardship and danger, and no man who has not the ability to stand up against these should ever think of becoming a soldier. The discontent of such men as these was undoubtedly fostered and stimulated by Whig emissaries, as is stated by our correspondent. His relation is not the only one of the kind which has come to our ears. And from that unclean flow flows those streams of falsehood and slander against the Governor, through the base columns of the Whig

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German Volunteers of Ohio.

Our readers are aware of the fact, that the first companies of volunteers which were organized and in camp at Cincinnati, were composed of patriotic Germans. After drilling for several weeks, and proving themselves capable of making first rate soldiers, the Whig Government of Ohio refused to receive them, upon the pretence that the law did not justify the reception of men who could not speak the English language. It seems the matter received the immediate attention of the War Department at Washington, and that the course of the Whig Government was pointedly condemned. The Secretary of War shows that if Gov. Barley can speak the English language, he as little understands it as those who cannot speak it. We suspect that "Nativism" was the moving cause of Barley's course, if the truth were known. Here is a letter on the subject, from the Secretary of War, which we find in the *Washington Union*:

WAR DEPARTMENT, June 27, 1846.

Sir:—The department has learned with surprise, from the order of the 17th inst., signed R. W. Bruce, A. D. C., that three German companies of volunteers were excluded from the quota of Ohio volunteers, "because the regulations prescribed by the War Department, for the government of troops in the service of the United States, specially provides that none can be received into service who do not speak and understand the English language." Paragraph 657, of the "general regulations for the army," is referred to in the order as authority for rejecting the three companies in question.

In justice to the department, and in order to give you correct information on the subject, I desire to call your attention to the fact, that the regulation referred to relates only to the recruiting service—to the enlistment of individuals for the army—and that it has been modified by an order promulgated by the Secretary of War, on the 24th of March, 1844. In its original or modified shape, it had no application to volunteers entering the service under the act of May 13th. That act made no distinction of the kind stated in your order, nor did the requisition from this department. In view of that act, and of the provisions of the act of May 8, 1842, providing for the establishment of "a uniform militia throughout the United States," the department would not have been in making such a distinction, as the latter act renders liable to military duty "every and every free able-bodied white male citizen of the several States, resident therein, who is or shall be of the age of eighteen years and under the age of forty-five years," with the exception of certain persons exempted by the second section of the act, on account of their official or peculiar position or employment. As not speaking the English language cannot be alleged by a citizen as a cause of exemption from military duty, certainly it should not be the ground of rejecting his services as a volunteer.

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